CITY OF WILBURTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14th, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
WILBURTON CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 W MAIN STREET WILBURTON OK 74578

The Wilburton City Council convened in a Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of November, 2024 at 5:30pm with Mayor - Loran Mayes presiding, leading the group in prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to follow.

City Clerk – Cindee Blankenship conducted roll call with council members responding:

LITTLEJOHN	**PRESENT**	**COCKE**	**PRESENT**	**KENDALL**	**PRESENT**
HAYNES	**PRESENT**	**GOAD**	**ABSENT**		

CITIZENS COMMENTS: ***NONE***

1. **Discuss and Take Action to if needed to Approve Consent Agenda:**
   a. **October 2024 Claims for Payment.**
   b. **Payment of Payrolls November 15th – December 12th, 2024**
   c. **Renewal: Landscape Contract with Jason Bell.**

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY KENDALL TO APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	**YES**	**COCKE**	**YES**	**KENDALL**	**YES**
HAYNES	**YES**	**GOAD**	**ABSENT**		

2. **Discuss and Take Action to Approve Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting October 10th, 2024. Ward 4 – Jayme Goad Absent.**

MOTION BY COCKE SECOND BY KENDALL TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 10th, 2024.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	**YES**	**COCKE**	**YES**	**KENDALL**	**YES**
HAYNES	**YES**	**GOAD**	**ABSENT**		

3. **Discuss and Take Action to Approve Proclamation: November as Native American Heritage Month.**
   Choctaw Nation Councilwomen District 6 - Jennifer Woods

Mayor Mayes read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Choctaw Nation Councilwoman District 6 – Jennifer Woods. The City of Wilburton is appreciative for the partnership and contributions made by the Nation and their leadership.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION: NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	**YES**	**COCKE**	**YES**	**KENDALL**	**YES**
HAYNES	**YES**	**GOAD**	**ABSENT**		

4. **Discuss update of The Original Fall Festival at Robbers Cave event.**
   Fall Festival Board President - Lauren Davis

The Fall Festival Committee would like to thank the City of Wilburton, Robbers Cave State Park and Oklahoma State Parks for their support, partnerships/sponsorships, and the appointment of a new committee, allowing them to carry on the Fall Festival event tradition. Committee members and volunteers worked great together and pulled off another successful year of fall festival activities. Data shows approximately 30,500 visits to Robbers Cave State Park with 25,100 visitors, meaning some visitors attended the festival more than once.

It also showed approximately 31,500 visits to the City of Wilburton with 19,000 visitors the week of Fall Festival. Upon this data the Fall Festival Committee also estimated visitors from at least 24 different states. The committee encountered a few minor issues/complaints but overall received a lot of positive feedback from vendor/visitors, and looks forward to another great festival in 2025.

DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

5. **Presentation by Enterprise for Fleet Management Program. Senior Account Executive - John Holland**

Enterprise Senior Account Executive John Holland presented City of Wilburton with information regarding a Fleet Management Program. Mayor Mayes states that she briefly learned of this program through OML and from other mayors. Mr. Holland shared information in how the program assists in fleet management options such as automotive leasing/rentals, maintenance, etc.

DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

6. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to Approve to Accept the donation of a building located at the East 12' of lot twenty (20) and all of lot twenty-one (21) in block forty-eight (48) to the City of Wilburton, Latimer county, State of Oklahoma located at 119 W. Main Street for the amount of $250,000. The value is evidenced by an appraisal completed as of October 6th, 2022 that considered improvements made to the property. It is accepted on the condition that Wagner and Lynch, PLLC provide work in exchange for a gift in kind receipt or other documentation to convert the existing structure to a pickleball court for public use while retaining the "front" area of the building including the signed bricks, concession area, and bathrooms.**

Mayor Mayes and PWA Director Mike Elder informed council of the current plans for the property and have some concerns regarding structural issues and legal protection/agreement for the City of the Wilburton during construction of the property. Ward 1 Allen Littlejohn, Ward 2 Terry Haynes and City Attorney Richard Lerblance also have concerns regarding the appraisal information that is currently presented being based off work that has not been completed yet and safety around the property to keep the public out during construction. Mayor Mayes believes this project could be a huge drive for Economic Development in the community and would like to assist the council in meeting with Mr. Lynch to obtain further information and review the property. Mayor Mayes and the council would also like to table agenda item #6 for now and reconvene at December's meeting.

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND COCKE BY TO APPROVE TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM #6 AND RECONVENE AT DECEMBER 12th, 2024 MEETING.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	YES	COCKE	YES	KENDALL	YES
HAYNES	YES	GOAD	ABSENT		

7. **Discuss and Take Action to Remove the Minimum bid amount for the following City of Wilburton Surplus items. (see listing in binder)**

Mayor Mayes states the items listed were not bid on so the City of Wilburton would like to remove the minimal bid currently set and will put them back out for bid again at later date. City Clerk Cindee Blankenship stated that the backhoe listed on the Public Works Authority list will need to be moved to the City of Wilburton list once another bid takes place.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND COCKE TO REMOVE THE MINIMAL BID AMOUNT FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY OF WILBURTON SUPLUS ITEMS.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	YES	COCKE	YES	KENDALL	YES
HAYNES	YES	GOAD	ABSENT		

8. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to Approve Naming of the following buildings/parks and Sign Project: Buddy Wallace Park, Joe Roberson Park, WRO Building - Deno and Gwen Maggi Community Complex, Winston Cocke Municipal Airport Hanger, Gerald Hood Senior Citizens Center, Rosebure Park and Sports Complex.**

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND KENDALL TO APPROVE NAMING OF THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS/PARKS AND SIGN PROJECT: BUDDY WALLACE PARK, JOE ROBERSON PARK, WRO BUILDING – DENO AND GWEN MAGGI COMMUNITY COMPLEX, WINSTON COCKE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT HANGER, GERALD HOOD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, ROSEBURE PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	YES	COCKE	ABSTAIN	KENDALL	YES
HAYNES	YES	GOAD	ABSENT		

9. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to Approve City Attorney to seek Court Order to approve Ward Boundaries, Map and Ordinance.**

Upon the election of Mayor Mayes and Ward 3 Sara Jane Cocke, the updated Ward Boundary Map had not been filed the Latimer County Election Board. This issue shows that Ward 3 Sara Cocke would not be in her current elected ward based on the previous boundary map. However, the City of Wilburton Council did vote to approve the updated boundary map at a previous meeting and will now need to file it and an ordinance with the Election Board with the assistance of City Attorney Richard Lerblance. Mr. Lerblance proposes the City of Wilburton file a motion for Declaratory Judgment, which will consist of filing a document in District Court, the proceedings of what the city council has already approved regarding the Ward Boundary Map changes. Once the Motion of Declaratory Judgement has been approved, the City of Wilburton can then file the updated Ward Boundary Map with the Latimer County Election Board. Mr. Lerblance will need minutes from the previous city council meeting showing where the updated map was approved. Upon review Ward 3 Sara Cocke's votes are withstanding due to being uncontested during her election and with the council Acting in Good Faith.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND HAYNES TO APPROVE CITY ATTORNEY RICHARD LERBLANCE TO SEEK COURT ORDER: MOTION OF DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT TO APPROVE WARD BOUNDARIES, MAP AND ORDINANCE.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	YES	COCKE	ABSTAIN	KENDALL	YES
HAYNES	YES	GOAD	ABSENT		

New Business: *NONE*

Mayor Update:

- *Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon (November 22nd @ 12:30) City Hall*
- *Christmas Parties: City Staff (December 19th @ 6:30pm) Lookout Kitchen*
- *City Kids (December 23rd @9:00am) Senior Citizens Center*
- *Oklahoma Southeast – Resigned as Secretary*
- *Oklahoma Academy*
- *Code Enforcement Choctaw Nation*
- *Code Enforcement System and Notifications*
- *Hosting Labor Commissioner Leslie Osborne November, 19th at noon at Lions Club meeting*
- *OML Regional Council*

Adjourn.
MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY HAYNES TO ADJOURN AT *5:59PM.*

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	**YES**	**COCKE**	**YES**	**KENDALL**	**YES**
HAYNES	**YES**	**GOAD**	**ABSENT**		

APPROVED: THURSDAY DECEMBER 12th, 2024.

Cindee Blankenship
CINDEE BLANKENSHIP, CITY CLERK

Loran Mayes
LORAN MAYES, MAYOR

Allen Littlejohn
ALLEN LITTLEJOHN, WARD 1

Terry Haynes
TERRY HAYNES, WARD 2

Sara Jane Cocke
SARA JANE COCKE, WARD

JAYME GOAD, WARD 4

Julia Kendall
JULIA KENDALL, WARD 5